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EDITOR ENLISTS



EDWARD A. FISCHER

COONING, GUNNER BAGS THIRD JAP

"Aerial Gunner Cooning, a rear gunner in one of our bombers, hit and probably destroyed a third Japanese fighter," is an excerpt from a communique carried by the Associated Press from the headquarters in China of Lieut. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell.

The aerial gunner is believed to be Edward M. Cooning, Jr., '40, of Rushville, Ind.

Sergt. Cooning enlisted in the Army Air Corps shortly after Pearl Harbor. He volunteered for ferry command and received basic training at McDill Field, Tampa, Fla., and advanced training at West Palm Beach, Fla. He left the United States for China, May 3.

CONVALESCING.

Having had a thyroidectomy, the Rev. Cyril F. Knue, C.P.P.S., chemistry professor, is convalescing at St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, Minn.

Editor In Uniform Enlists For Army Officer Training

FRS. LEY, KERN, MARTIN TAKE TO WRITING CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

Mr. Edward Fischer, editor of CONTACT and director of the college news bureau, left for Fort Benjamin Harrison Monday, October 5. Two weeks earlier, having received leave of absence from the faculty for the duration, he had been sworn into the U. S. Army as a candidate for officer training. He is a volunteer.

A student at St. Joseph's from 1928 to 1934, Mr. Fischer received his Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism from Notre Dame. Later he worked on the South Bend News-Times and the Chicago Herald-Examiner. He joined the faculty in February, 1929.

As a member of the St. Joe Faculty, Mr. Fischer also taught journalism. His classes have been taken over by Father Ley, who likewise now edits the alumni newspaper. Father Cletus Kern is directing general publicity; Father Henry Martin, sports publicity.

Mrs. Fischer will remain in Rensselaer. She is working as an operator for the Telephone Company.

Father Falter Is Again Transferred

Keeping up with the Rev. Clement M. Falter, Collegeville's French prof on leave to serve as chaplain in the armed forces, may require a modification of the tire-gas-mileage rationing.

Since last month he has been transferred from Fort Ord, California, to Camp Pickett, Virginia. (Address: 7th Inf., A. P. O., No. 3.)

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Ex-Dean Of Men To Be Chaplain

Pastor of St. Paul's Church, Lyons, Kansas, since he left the campus two years ago, the Rev. Werner Rauh, C.P.P.S., 23, former Dean of Students, has volunteered for Chaplain duty in the U. S. armed forces.



REV. WERNER RAUH

Father Rauh was ordained in 1929. Having done parish work for several years, he came to the college in 1938 and took over the work of Dean of Students.

The Rev. Anthony G. Kraff, C.P.P.S., '31, will succeed him at Lyons.

Father Jerome Ueber, Retired, Succumbs

Member of the first class which came to St. Joseph's in 1891, the Rev. Jerome Ueber, C.P.P.S., retired, died at Carthagenia, Sept. 25. He was seventy-nine years old.

For two years, 1907-1909, Father Ueber was chaplain of Alexian Brothers' Hospital, Chicago. During most of the rest of his long priestly career he held two pastorates in Ohio, one of twenty-eight years in Philothea.

Pumas To Play Illinois Wesleyan Saturday, Oct. 17

C. L. S. WILL STAGE "MARY OF SCOTLAND" SUNDAY AFTERNOON

With no snake dance around the bonfire scheduled for Friday evening, Oct. 16, the annual homecoming celebration will officially open at 2:30 P. M., next day on the gridiron. The Puma eleven promise to do their share of entertaining when they go out to better that 12-12 tie of last year against Illinois Wesleyan.

Plenty of scrap is what they will offer; need for scrap is the reason why no bonfire will be lighted.

Saturday night at nine, under the auspices of the Monogram Club, a dance will be held in the Rensselaer Armory. The price of admission is \$1.50 a couple. The club has selected Mickey Isley and his orchestra to furnish the music.

This orchestra has an enviable reputation for playing distinctive dance music in the middle west. It features the vocal solos of Martha Nash and the romantic ballads of Red Johnson. It has had successful engagements at Chicago's Edgewater Beach Hotel, the Stevens, the Medinah Club, and numerous ballrooms in the midwest.

At ten o'clock Sunday morning officers of the Alumni Association will meet to discuss a program of alumni activities for the year that will be in conformity with the present national emergency. Father Kenkel, President, will preside.

The Columbia Literary Society will present Maxwell Anderson's "Mary of Scotland" in the col-

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Salute With A Flag

His feet on the desk, his hat pushed back characteristically, the editor-owner of the Perryville ARGUS nodded to me significantly.

Fred, his promising son, fresh from college, had just come in the office door, and with a "Hi, Dad," hung up his hat and walked briskly back to the composing room.

"That boy knows everything about a newspaper," the older man then remarked to me. "I started him out myself selling papers; then he worked in the shop. The rest he got in college."

This is not all fiction. Between 1928 and 1934 some of us here at the college did have something to do with the training of the young man, Mr. Edward Fischer, who, since March, 1939, has so excellently edited CONTACT.

We feel a modest pride in him for the thoroughness with which he has furthered each month this bond between alumni and the college. We are equally appreciative of all the other work that he has done as teacher of journalism and director of public relations. Far more, we respect him because he has always been an edifying example of true Christian gentlemanliness to our students.

Now that Ed has joined the armed forces of the nation as a candidate for officers' training in the army, we are more proud of him than ever.

It's Up to You and Me

Ed has gone to the army. Even from there he will do all he can to direct CONTACT by remote control. His name will remain in the masthead.

But from now on his co-editor, who hardly ever wrote a line that has appeared before, is carrying the onus. A welcome opportunity, surely, for it will draw me closer to St. Joseph's far-flung alumni—more scattered now than ever before.

You, alumni, have given Ed that cooperation for which I asked back in March, '39. Tell me now about yourselves. I'll do the rest.

It's up to you—and me!

Fifty Replies A Day

This year, more than ever before, the subscriptions to CONTACT and STUFF have mounted. No sooner had the cards been mailed out than returns began to appear in the mail.

Alumni dues, from those who could not

SchoolDAYS

ENROLLMENT

In the next column on this page we turn back the clock; in this one we wind it.

Pearl Harbor and subsequent history have not reduced the enrollment at St. Joseph's appreciably; there are only nine less students on the campus this fall than there were a year ago. Then, when the tabulation was made toward the end of September, a grand total of 471 answered the roll call. And that was a 6.6% increase over the preceding year.

Today 462 boys and young men are happily following each day's routine. Rather striking, it might seem at first, the loss is not in the college but in the academy. Sixty secular and twenty-one religious boys add up to the eighty-one over whom Father Walter Pax is Principal.

The college, however, has reached an all-time high of 381 students. Every room in the four residence halls is taken, and there is a waiting list of men living in the Noll dorms who prefer the added privacy.

That people are more college minded today than they were a year ago seems to be one good effect of the war.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

St. Joseph's continues to mix the serious and the light in campus entertainment.

On Oct. 20, the Rev. Henry Retzek, M. A., of West Union, Minn., an authority in Geology, will lecture on the subject, "Americans? Immigrants All?" Father Retzek studied at Chicago University and Harvard. An ardent exponent of Catholic Rural life, he contributes articles to popular and scientific magazines.

Four days after Father Retzek appears on the campus rostrum (Oct. 24), the Petri Novelty Quartet will entertain.

On Nov. 14, the St. John's Parish Dramatic Club of Whiting, Ind., will present Martinez-Sierra's "Cradle Song." Richard Carpenter, pianist, will give a concert program of piano solos on Nov. 18.

HERE'S A RECORD

Fifteen St. Joseph alumni are studying in the college of medicine at the University of St. Louis. No other college in the country has as many grads in that institution, not even the premed department of St. Louis University itself.

SUMMER FACE LIFTING

Fluorescent lighting fixtures were installed in both the demonstration and freshman laboratories of the science department.

A new cabinet was built for the chemistry office to store equipment for physical and bio-chemistry.

On the stage the floor was sanded and marked off into convenient five-foot squares.

be present at the spring reunion; subscriptions to the campus weekly; more subscriptions to the alumni bulletin.

At its peak, and this wasn't merely once, there were over fifty replies in one day.

They are still coming in. Thanks, men. We do appreciate it.



Turn Back the Clock

A PROTEST! That's a mild defense of the column which follows. Ever since Ed Fischer joined the faculty, in February, '39, he has been blackguarding me most wantonly about the Dark Ages in the history of St. Joe when I was a student.

Having studied the Law of the Press, I understand why he wasn't temerarious enough to print any of those accusations. The law of libel prevented that extreme. And now, when in sheer self-defense I sit in the editorial chair, he gets the whole American army behind him for protection.

At twenty-one men are legally of age. Twenty-one years had passed since '13, when as a sturdy woodsman I lay down my axe and caught the first train to Rensselaer, before the stripling Fischer dared to leave his nets and rod, and venture North from his Buechel, Ky., cabin.

When Men Were Men.

Men were men in those earlier days. Model T's came later. Only in the roaring Twenties did a Buick whisk passengers from the Monon at 70 per. (And did it purr!)

I remember the hawker who met the 7:14 when I detrained.

"Up town, Down town, All around town, College!" The last inflection had a circumflex accent, the value of which I later learned in Father Hartman's Greek. Another Palestrina needs birth to write the cadences with which he uttered that inviting line.

Irving's stagecoach would have blushed at sight of the vehicle into which he beckoned me. Compelled is the word. He was irresistible. Guided by the station lights, I climbed up the back entrance to this palace on wheels, and using my bags for ballast, marched up the middle aisle. No groom ever felt more possessive.

Soon the two rats of ponies thundered north along College Avenue, (it was dark and raining that late January night, and next morning the sun did come up in the west,) rattled across the Iroquois, and came to a rearing halt in front of the Main Building. A giant senior, braving the downpour, shook my right lustily.

The next minute I was in Father Saurer's office, who was Prefect of Discipline of the secular students and at one Prefect of Studies.

Finding that I had a mind of my own, intending to join the Religious, Father Saurer would have none of me. He sent me to Father Seifert.

"Come in!" was that man's command, when I knocked at his door, and Dante squirmed in his coffin.



STEVE THEODOSIS

Father George Bauer Returns From China

BROOKLYN, N. Y., *Tablet*, Sept. 5.—"The common sense of the Church was our salvation in the Orient," was the Rev. George Bauer's way of summing up the situation confronting missionaries after the outbreak of the war.

Father Bauer, whose headquarters is Maryknoll, N. Y., is a member of the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America. Leaving St. Joseph's in 1919, he went to Maryknoll.

Recently he was working in the Catholic Mission, Kongmoon, Kwanglung, China. He returned from there to New York via Korea along with other refugees.

Father Wilson Located

That the Rev. John Wilson, C.P.P.S., army chaplain at Bataan, is in a Japanese prison camp at Tarlac, about sixty-five miles north of Manila, seems to be verified from a Washington release dated Sept. 25.

This prison camp was the former American Army Camp O'Donnell. 6,000 American defenders of Bataan and Corregidor are reported to be detained there.

Father Wilson's name was mentioned along with several hundred others in an AP dispatch carried by the daily papers.

ST. NAZIAN, WIS.—Robert Nemetz, '40, is an accountant in the publishing department at the Salvatorian Seminary. His work includes cost accounting, statistical reports, and daily inventories.

He was united in marriage, September 12, to Genevieve Burmesch, of Belgium, Wis.

Steve Theodosius Teaches At N. W.

Two attractive offers were presented to Mr. Steve Theodosius, B. S., '42, shortly after he was graduated, May 16. Arizona University wanted him, and were ready to give him a scholarship for post-graduate work. Northwestern University extended an assistantship. Steve chose the latter.

At Northwestern, Mr. Theodosius, himself a Class 1A conscript, whose deferment was obtained by the University, is instructing pre-induction men. Mineralogy and Petroleum Engineering are his subjects.

Dr. Stark, Dean of the Department of Geology at Northwestern, considered Steve one of the very best applicants whose records he has ever examined.

While at St. Joe the young man was a consistent honor student. He played end and half-back and captained the football team during his senior year. He was editor of the campus quarterly MEASURE, vice-president of the senior class, an officer in the Monogram Club, president of the Science Club, worked for four years as assistant in the science laboratories, and was graduated with a cum laude distinction.

Conner Goes Out Then Goes Back In

Perhaps one of the first alumni to be released from military service after the twenty-eight age-limit law was passed was Pvt. James L. Connor, '30, former Washington, D. C., Post Office Clerk.

He served as Civil Service Examiner out of the Washington office at Richmond and Norfolk, Virginia, afterward.

Now Jim is back in the army again. Inducted August 24, he is stationed at Fort Sheridan, Ill.

RENSSELAER.—Joseph Faulkner, '41, gave out cigars, September 26, to celebrate the birth of a daughter. The alumnus, who works in East Chicago, married the former Josephine Zimmer, of Rensselaer.

Edward J. Koenig, '07, of 2208 W. Byron St., Chicago, died August 29. He was a landscape architect. R. I. P.

Men In Uniform Keep Us Posted

CONTACT TO BE SENT TO THEM REGULARLY

Response from the men in the armed forces or their relatives to last month's request that they keep in touch with the alumni office has been quite satisfactory.

That we may continue to mail CONTACT correctly and promptly, we repeat the invitation. Moreover, you are making news.

Particularly, have we heard from the following:

Paul Couzins, '40, is a Private stationed at Presque Island, Maine. (Barracks 95, Ferry Command.)

Pvt. **Ted Wleklinski**, '42, has been classified as an economist and is stationed at Fort McClelland, Alabama. After six weeks there he will go to officer training school. (Co. C, 24th Bn.)

While visiting the campus, Sept. 30, **Donald Clark**, '42, and **Thomas Richert**, '39, mentioned that they would be inducted before the end of October. Both will enter officer training school after their basic training.

Last month we located **George W. Bermes**, '34, with the Marines at Pearl Harbor.

His mother writes from his Chicago home that she has heard from him recently; he is on Guadalcanal Island. (Thank you, Mrs. Bermes. We do remember him and all our boys in prayer.)

At Fort Lewis, Washington, is Pvt. **John Bivenour**, '42, who can be reached at A. P. O. 33. (Hd. Btry 210 F. A. Bn.)

In Youngstown, Ohio, CONTACT has a correspondent who feeds the press. He is Jack Morrison, '40. Jack writes that his brother **Ray** has enlisted as a mechanic in the Army Air Corps; that **Gene Rowland**, '40, is at Chanute Field; and that **Stan. Kolanski**, '39, is in England.

Ensign **William Lahey**, '41, who received his primary training in Civil Aeronautics while at the college, is at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., preparing to be an instructor in the Naval air force. Bill was married during the early summer.

J. G. Hagstrom, LL.B., '24, of the law firm of Baker, Holder & Hagstrom, Chicago, will enter the U. S. Navy in the near future.

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THE ROUNDUP

by



Coach Joe Dienhart

Last Saturday, Oct. 3, we opened our eight-game football season by defeating Illinois Normal, 18-7, at Normal, Ill.

The victory gave us some idea of St. Joe's chances for having another undefeated season this year. In spite of the victory, some weaknesses were evident; these we are trying to correct.

Before this issue of CONTACT can be mailed we will meet Loras College of Dubuque, Sunday, Oct. 11, on the home field. Loras defeated Coe College in their first game this season, but lost to St. Ambrose, 2-0, last Sunday. Last year we beat Loras, 13-0, on their field.

It appears to me that most every college team will play their best this year. The present emergency calls for well-conditioned young men, and every young man is aware of this fact. Our pre-season conditioning this year moved very swiftly, the players realizing the importance of being physically fit more than ever before.

I have yet to see a player loafing on the job. To me this is more indicative of our present world status than the fact that young men are preparing for a football season.

In our backfield we have Capt. Pete Varini at fullback. He has been an All-state back for two years. Stan Lapsys is at quarterback, and Stan Wisniewski at left half. All three of these men are seniors.

Ted Swierczek, at left half, is a junior letterman. A young man who seems to have a lot of ability is George Ellspermann. George is a left-half back who can run, pass, kick, block, and tackle. You will see a lot of this man, who is a sophomore.

In the line we lost Nick Scollard, Art Gilpin, Ed Resetar, Ted Nowak, and Augie Sunagel—all to the armed forces. Returning, we have Lou Yugovich, Bill Smith, Con Vanderkolk, Bob Shields, and Tom Scollard. With

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Prof. Paul Tonner Arranges Courses

Alumni will be interested in two courses for organists which have been announced by Prof. Paul Tonner, Director of Music. A course of ten weeks' duration is offered for those who have had the equivalent of three or four years of piano study as a background.

This course may be started at any time, and will be found to satisfy the desire of those who are seeking a "refresher course" as well as of those who have only a limited time in which to complete their organ study.

The following courses will be stressed: Organ, harmony or composition, voice, improvisation, the modes and art of accompanying plain chant, and liturgical functions.

Another course requiring two years of study is offered for young musicians who have the desire to equip themselves for an assignment as a Church organist. Along with the prescribed courses in organ, voice, improvisations, etc., certain other courses will be chosen from the College catalog.

Upon the completion of this two-year course, the student will be granted a diploma which will qualify him to play in any Catholic Church. The only prerequisite is at least two years of piano study.

Professor Tonner feels that these courses will be the answer to the many requests which he has had to supply capable organists. More detailed information may be had by addressing the Music Department, Box 18.

FATHER FALTER IS AGAIN TRANSFERRED

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Whatever the diversions of army life, Father Falter still likes his golf. On those infrequent days free from chaplain duties he challenges his classmate, the Rev. Marcellus Fortman, whose missionary center is at Crewe, just eleven miles distant.

'41 GRAD AN OFFICER.

Having completed his officer training, Lieut. Raymond W. Juricich, '41, visited the campus, September 8.

Ray is in the 335th Inf., 84th Div., 3rd Bn. H. Q. He is stationed at Camp Howze, Gainesville, Texas.

Climbs Hard Way

Entering the army as a private, Robert H. Gutting, '40, has within eighteen months moved up to the rank of Lieutenant. He was commissioned August 1. He is with Co. I, 143rd Inf., 36th Div., Camp Edwards, Mass.



R. H. Gutting

PROMOTED

Stationed at Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia, Gerard I. Uhrich, '26, M. D., reveals in a private communication that he was recently promoted from the rank of First Lieutenant to that of Captain.

NEWPORT, R. I.—Thomas Anderson, '40, of Chicago is attending a sixteen-week Quartermaster School at Coddington Point.

He reports that Jerome Yocis, '40, was commissioned Second Lieutenant in the Engineers.

Men In Uniform Keep Us Posted.

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Joseph Gedden, '35, of Des Moines, Iowa, was inducted into the army, Sept. 14. The organist of St. Augustine's Church became the father of a girl, June 4.

Chaplain Gilbert F. Esser, '18, who holds the rank of Captain, at Camp Blanding, Florida, has been appointed assistant co-ordinator of Catholic Chaplains. At the present time his regular duties continue.

Ensign Richard M. Scheiber, '41, has been transferred from an instructor's post at the Naval air base, Pensacola, Florida, to a similar post in Washington. (W. S. N. R. AB, Pabsco, Wash.) He visited the campus enroute.

While on leave from his base at Corpus Christi, Texas, Ensign Luke Daniels, '41, stopped in at the college to visit friends.

Because of his college education and his athletic training, Joe Keane, '41, was transferred to a Military Police Unit in the armed forces. At present he is in northern Ireland. Speaking of St. Joseph's he writes: "Every day that goes by I realize what a debt I owe that fine little school. . . . I hope the spir-

Church In Mexico Built For Strength Holds Fr. Danery

LONDON, August 22.—The Rev. Thomas J. Danehy, M. M., '33, in recent months obtained an interview with President Camacho of Mexico. Later Father Danehy spoke of the attitude of the President toward the Church as greatly encouraging.

"Today," he said, "Mexico is unfolding the sanctity of its martyrdom and searching to build on the strong pillars of a devout faith the cathedral of a Christian civilization. The present architects, both ecclesiastical and civil, are gifted with structural vision."

Father Danehy mentioned that the President expressed his belief that the Church should have a voice in the affairs of the State.

Gets Army Rating

A graduate with a summa cum laude distinction at the close of the eight weeks summer term, Albert M. Hurley, B. S., has been commissioned a second lieutenant.



A. M. Hurley He plans to complete his studies at Marquette University medical school while serving in the medical administrative corps.

it of the Pumas is as ferocious as ever." (234 Military Police Co., A. P. O. 813, N. Y.)

Mr. J. M. Patton writes: "Jack Patton, '42, while home at Edgewood arsenal, Maryland, on his mid-semester vacation from the St. Louis University School of Medicine, 'batted them out' with Joe Blackwell of Indianapolis, who is now in the Chemical Warfare Service of the Army, stationed at Edgewood Arsenal."

Dr. Edward H. Hengen, '23, is a commissioned officer in the U. S. forces, now stationed in Hawaii.

Cpl. Joseph R. Kennedy is in the 217th Quartermaster Division, Salvage Repair Company, Camp Lee, Virginia.

Doubtlessly, all these men will welcome receiving letters from fellow-alumni. We have more time than they to write.

Bible Critique Just Off Press

FR. A. DIRKSEN, NOTED ALUMNUS, CONTRIBUTE

Just off the press, the popular *Commentary on the New Testament* prepared by the Catholic Biblical Association is published by William H. Sadlier, Inc., 11 Park Place, N. Y.

The V. Rev. Dr. Aloys H. Dirksen, C.P.P.S., S. T. D., President of St. Joseph's, furnished the critical notes on the Gospel according to St. Mark. He is a member of the above-mentioned Biblical Association.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Henry J. Grimmelsman, S. T. D., '09, rector of Josephinum College, Worthington, Ohio, is one of the three theological censors of the volume.

This 728-page explanation of the New Testament will be welcomed by the laity. It will sell at the very moderate price of \$2.00.

THE ROUNDUP

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these men and a few promising freshmen we are trying to build a new line; however, they are sure to lack experience.

For your homecoming we have a good attraction, Oct. 17. We will play Illinois Wesleyan on that date. They tied our club last season, 12-12; we will try to do something about that tie this year. Game time is 2:30 P. M.

The rest of the schedule is as follows: Oct. 25, at St. Ambrose; Oct. 31, at Indiana State; Nov. 8, at St. Norbert; Nov. 14, at Butler; Nov. 21, at Valparaiso.

TEAM, CLUBS GROOM FOR HOMECOMING

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lege theatre at two o'clock Sunday afternoon. This Broadway hit should be all the more appealing, for the cast, directed by Father Speckbaugh, will be more than ordinarily determined to produce a quality dramatization since their presentation of this play is the first of a series of events to celebrate the golden jubilee of the C. L. S.

PRAY FOR SOLDIERS

Every evening after benediction in the college chapel a special prayer is said for all the men in the armed forces, especially for all alumni.